Agreement on river water sharing with China

911. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any agreement with China on river water sharing;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken cognizance of the reports regarding construction of dam by China on Brahmaputra River;

(d) whether Government have ascertained the facts with the Chinese Government; and

(e) if so, the details of their response?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) No.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes.

(d) and (e) Government has taken up this issue with the Chinese side. The Spokesman of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Chinese Ambassador in India have stated that China has no such plans to build a dam and divert water from the Yarlung Zangbo (Brahmputra) to the Yellow River.

Sanction against two Indian companies

912. SHRI AMAR SINGH:
SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government of U.S.A. had imposed sanction against two Indian companies in December, 2005 to stop export trade with Iran;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the names of those companies;

(c) whether Government had given any direction to those companies in that regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) The US Government on 27th December 2005 announced sanctions on two Indian companies under their national law.

(b) These companies are Sabero Organics Limited and Sandhya Organics and Chemicals Limited.

(c) and (d) Government has not given any direction to the companies with regard to imposition of these sanctions.

Anti-India hideouts in Nepal and Bangladesh

†913. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS:
SHRI BALAVANT *ALIAS* BAL APTE:
SHRI VINAY KATIYAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a demand to eliminate the anti-India hideouts has been made to Governments of Nepal and Bangladesh;

(b) whether Nepal and Bangladesh based embassies have incriminating inputs with them;

(c) if so, whether they provide any periodic inputs to foil any conspiracy; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) Yes.

(b) to (d) Government remain alert to all developments having a bearing on India's security and take all necessary measures to safeguard it.

Speed Post Centres Accepting Passport Applications

914. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of speed post centres accepting passport applications in the country, State-wise;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.